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1. The managing director of the coal fields at Rasa and Podlabin, which are run as a combined concern, is Engineer Ivo Trampus. He is assisted by a state commissar.

2. [redacted]
[redacted] The chief engineer at Podlabin is Engineer Vucetia. [redacted]

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3. The following are the daily production figures of the combined concern since 1943:

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| 1943 | : | 3,000 to 4,000 tons a day |
| 1945 | : | 2,000 tons a day |
| 1947 | : | 2,000 tons a day |
| 1948 | : | 400 to 500 tons a day |

4. The drop in production for the current year is caused partly by a shortage of skilled personnel and outworn equipment, but mainly by the flooding of the mines in February 1948, when over 400 miners lost their lives.

5. Some 4,000 are employed in the mines, including about 500 German POW's. Women make up some 60 percent of the workers employed on coal washing and on other surface tasks.

6. [redacted]
[redacted] The chief buyer for the two mines is Engineer Frano Vladiskovic.

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7. [redacted]

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8. Coal loading facilities in the port of Raza, which were damaged during the war, have been completely repaired. The eight-ton DEMAG travelling crane [redacted] has been functioning since the end of 1947. The crane lifts the coal from cars of five-ton capacity which bring the coal to the port on an electric railroad from the mines. A coal transporter band, capable of handling 110 tons of coal an hour, loads the coal straight on to the shins [redacted]

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